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A Study of the Book of Hebrews

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HEBREWS 9:1-14

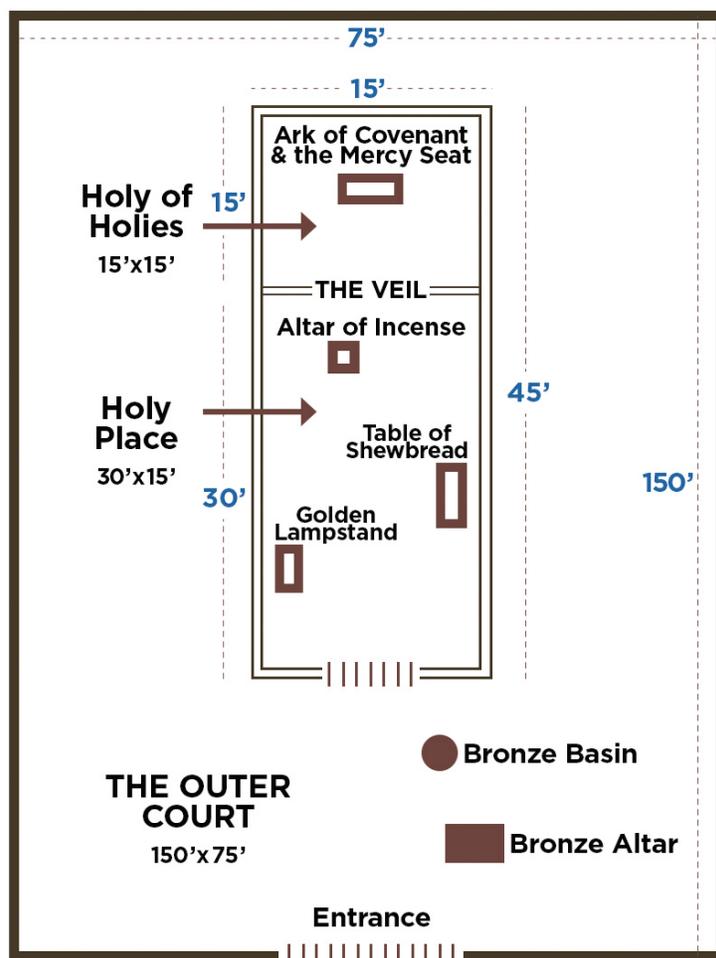
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Introduction: If Chapters 5-10 represent the “heart” of the book of Hebrews, Chapters 9-10 represent the “heart of the heart” of Hebrews. As we enter the Christmas season, it is appropriate that we are reminded of Christ’s primary work He came to accomplish while on earth.

I. The Setting of the Old Covenant (Hebrews 9:1-5)

Diagram of the Tabernacle



A. The Courtyard

1. The bronze altar
2. The bronze basin

B. The Holy Place or Sanctuary (Hebrews 9:2)

Hebrews 9:2 “For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.”

1. The Golden Lampstand with seven branches
2. Table of Shewbread
3. Golden Altar of Incense

C. The Holy of Holies (Hebrews 9:3-5)

Hebrews 9:3-5 ³ “And behind the second veil, there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, ⁴ having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron’s rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant. ⁵ And above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.”

II. The Service Under the Old Covenant (Hebrews 9:6-10)

A. The Ministry of the Priests (Hebrews 9:6)

Hebrews 9:6 “Now when these things have been thus prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle, performing the divine worship.”

B. The Ministry of the High Priest (Hebrews 9:7-10)

Hebrews 9:7 “But into the second only the high priest enters, once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.”

Hebrews 9:10 “Since they [rituals] relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.”

III. The Superiority of the New Covenant (Hebrews 9:11-14)

A. In its Access (Hebrews 9:11)

Hebrews 9:11 “But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation.”

B. In its Acceptableness (Hebrews 9:12)

Hebrews 9:12 “And not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

C. In its Accomplishment (Hebrews 9:13-14)

Hebrews 9:13-14 ¹³ “For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

Conclusion